

## **STUDY SESSION 6:05 PM**

### **Infrastructure Fund Priorities**

Finance Director Fil reviewed the actions taken for infrastructure during budget process, and outlined projects that were approved for funding. He noted that the City Council earmarked \$1 million to match to Measure I funds, and allocated \$100,000 to O'Donnell Park for playground improvements. He suggested that funding for that project could be allocated from planned park funds.

Discussion ensued. Council concurred to change funding for O'Donnell Park and the Veterans Memorial from the Planned Park Fund.

Public Works Director Oskoui outlined infrastructure projects completed during 2015-2017.

Finance Director Fil described an approach to the allocation of funds for future projects, and outlined projects that could be considered for funding. He clarified that the funding source is additional one-time monies outside of Measure I funds.

Discussion ensued regarding leveraging existing monies for grant funding. Public Works Director Oskoui explained that funds could be used to develop shovel-ready plans, which would put the City in a better position to obtain grants for such projects. He also described a recent public workshop regarding street selection for paving.

Mayor Stone suggested that the City Council be more involved in the process of selecting streets for paving, and that priority be given to streets on which schools are located.

Public Works Director Oskoui explained that reconstruction of a road is a different level of effort than applying slurry.

Councilmember Kim stated that roads are a priority. He noted that an infusion of Measure I monies and other funding will make a big difference. He would like to prioritize the Alameda de las Pulgas Four Corners project, as well as Ralston Avenue improvements. He noted that more discussion is needed regarding the joint field use agreement with the school district. Mayor Stone explained the potential shared costs with the school district to improve field conditions. He clarified that artificial turf on school fields will not likely be funded.

Councilmember Hurt described how she evaluated potential projects. She explained that her top three priorities are Ralston Avenue Segment, Alameda Four Corners, and the Hillside Slippage Area Study. She noted her second-tier projects include slurry sealing and the turf project at the Sports Complex. She pointed out that it may be prudent to not spend all the monies at once.

City Manager Scoles explained that monies are already allocated for the planning stage for the turfing project, and that additional monies will be forthcoming for funding the project.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that visibility of projects is important, and the Ralston Avenue slurry is his biggest priority. Other priorities include the Hillside Slippage Project, Ralston Ave Segment IV, and Alameda de las Pulgas.

Mayor Stone stated that his priorities include Councilmember Lieberman's list, as well as Ralston Ave Segment IV, and the Joint Use Agreement with the school district. He expressed support for contributing \$150,000 to the school district.

Councilmember Reed stated that he would like to see a list of streets for potential work for future discussion. He concurred with Mayor Stone regarding priorities.

Discussion ensued that a joint use agreement would need to be executed before any contribution to the school district could be made. Councilmember Lieberman expressed support for the contribution to the school district if it is matching funds. Mayor Stone added a condition that the monies be earmarked for rehabilitation, not maintenance.

Council concurred regarding the matching funds to the school district for field rehabilitation.

**Attended by: Councilmembers Hurt, Kim, Reed, Lieberman, Stone**

**ADJOURNMENT 7:05 PM**

Terri Cook  
City Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING  
CALL TO ORDER 7:10 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Hurt, Kim, Reed, Lieberman, Stone  
COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Glenn Sylvester, City of Daly City Mayor, Retired San Francisco Police Officer

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation Honoring Jonathan Gervais, Parks and Recreation Director**

Councilmembers commented regarding Parks and Recreation Director's efforts on behalf of the City of Belmont. Mayor Stone read the proclamation.

Parks and Recreation Director Gervais thanked the City Council, staff, and the senior management team.

## **COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Hurt spoke regarding the NDNU (Notre Dame de Namur University) partnership wherein Belmont residents who show their identification at sports events would be admitted at no charge. She described a new carpool discount for San Mateo County residents.

Councilmember Kim described a recent Community Workshop on Measure I funding priorities. He attended CPR training. He announced the upcoming Save the Music Festival. He noted that C/CAG has an opening on its Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Mayor Stone announced the upcoming Davey Glen Park Ribbon Cutting, as well as the Veterans Memorial Dedication. He announced Notre Dame de Namur's upcoming Homecoming.

## **ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Attorney Rennie read the title of the proposed ordinance.

**Minutes of Special and Regular Meeting of August 22, 2017**

**Motion to Receive Monthly Financial Reports**

**Resolution 2017-068** amending the FY 17/18 Budget to comply with the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017

**Resolution 2017-069** approving plans and specifications, authorizing advertisement for sealed bids, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for an amount not to exceed \$236,000, and approving a ten percent construction contingency for the Old County Road Street Light Project, City Contract Number 2017-556

**Ordinance 2017-1122** amending Section 7-1001 of the Belmont City Code relative to Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (second reading and adoption)

**Resolution 2017-070** authorizing a Cooperation Agreement with San Mateo County for participation in San Mateo County's housing and community development programs by becoming a part of the Urban County as designated under the provisions of the Government Code Section 6502 and 26227 and as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Hurt, seconded by Councilmember Kim, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Serendipity School Conditional Use Permit and Site Utilization Plan Amendment (2820 Ponce Avenue)**

Mayor Stone recused himself from this project, he lives within 500 feet of the project. He stepped off the dais and out of the Council Chambers.

Assistant Planner Dietz explain the CUP (Conditional Use Permit) amendment, and provided historical context of applicant's project on site since 1987. He reviewed the Planning Commission's review and recommendation of approval. He described the details of the project

improvements. He clarified there would be no increase in student enrollment or staffing, and noted that the traffic study concluded no impact.

In response to Councilmembers, Assistant Planner Dietz stated that concerns by residents were flushed out at the Planning Commission hearing. He also explained that one Planning Commissioner had concerns regarding grading, which were reviewed and satisfied.

**Seamus O'Connor**, traffic consultant, explained that it was known that traffic would be a concern regardless of the lack of increase in enrollment. He noted that the traffic study helped improve parking and circulation.

**Megan Carr**, Head of School, provided a history of Serendipity School, which began in San Mateo and moved to Belmont in 1992. She spoke regarding the need for improved learning facilities, and that there is no need to increase enrollment.

Councilmembers expressed their support for the project.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Lieberman, seconded by Councilmember Reed, **Resolution 2017-071** approving the Conditional Use Permit to amend the site utilization plan at 2820 Ponce Avenue was unanimously approved (4-0-1, Stone recused).

Mayor Stone returned to the dais.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Review Solid Waste Rate Application and Revise Maximum Rate for Collection Services for CY 2018**

Public Works Director Oskoui noted that this is the annual review of Recology's rate structure for 2018. He pointed out there was no increase in rates in 2017.

**Sean Brown**, solid waste consultant, outlined the mechanics of the rate review. He noted that the primary increase for this year is due to an increase in disposal costs/tipping fees. He outlined the proposed increase for each schedule. He described the need for a future discussion to re-balance rates and rate increases among cart sizes.

Discussion ensued regarding factors driving increase in tipping fees.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Hurt, **Resolution 2017-072** stating the City of Belmont's intent to revise the maximum rate that may be charged for solid waste, recyclable materials, and organic materials collection services effective January 1, 2018, and set a Public Hearing date for November 28, 2017, was unanimously approved.

### **General Plan and Belmont Village Specific Plan Monthly Update**

Community Development Director de Melo stated that adoption hearings for the General Plan and Belmont Village Specific Plan will commence at the beginning of October. He reviewed the

hearing schedule and outlined the public outreach efforts. He noted that the goal is to complete all hearings and adoptions by end of calendar year.

## **COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES, AND STAFF ITEMS**

### **Verbal report from Councilmembers on Intergovernmental (IGR) and Subcommittee Assignments**

Councilmember Kim described a recent C/CAG meeting.

Councilmember Hurt outlined recent meetings of Commute.org., the Emergency Services Council, and the NDNU Coalition.

Councilmember Lieberman described a recent Fire JPA (joint powers authority) meeting, as well as Silicon Valley Clean Water.

Mayor Stone outlined topics discussed at the recent San Mateo County Library JPA meeting.

### **Verbal report from City Manager**

City Manager Scoles provided information regarding the recent Coastal Cleanup Day. He noted that an in-lieu property tax payment was received from CSUS (Crystal Springs Uplands School). He noted that PG&E would be working extended hours on Saturday.

### **Verbal Report - Placemaking Committee Update**

Councilmember Kim noted that he and Councilmember Hurt have been working with staff to increase placemaking in Belmont to strengthen identity and history, neighborhood character and pride. He pointed out the correlation with the update to the General Plan. He described the goal to promote development that has community benefits. He explained the need to brand Belmont. He described wayfinding through the implementation of a unified sign program. He stated that additions could be made to pocket parks. He explained that the goal is to identify easy projects to implement.

Councilmember Hurt added that the committee is identifying additional places for people to gather. She pointed out the addition of furniture in front of city hall along Sixth Avenue.

### **Verbal Report - Minimum Wage Committee Update**

Councilmember Hurt described the outreach sessions seeking feedback on increasing the minimum wage and potential acceleration of schedule. She pointed out that the goal is not economic damage, but is an attempt to bring up the standard of living. She explained that the proposal would be to phase in the increase. She clarified that details have not yet been discussed, just the concept.

Mayor Stone noted there will likely be future outreach sessions. He noted that some restaurants expressed concerns, and that some are already paying higher than the minimum wage. He also noted there were concerns expressed regarding each city having a different minimum wage.

**Greg Brown**, Machinist Union for airlines, noted that the majority of workers are minority and women, and many are single mothers working second jobs. He expressed support for the minimum wage increase. He noted that workers in San Mateo already benefitting from their accelerated increase. He pointed out the income equality in the Bay Area.

**Rayna Lehman**, San Mateo County Labor Council, expressed support for an open and inclusive conversation regarding this topic. He described other jurisdictions that are accelerating minimum wage increases. He pointed out that the minimum wage is not a living wage. He expressed support for an acceleration of the minimum wage increase.

**Michael Floyd**, AFSCME Local 829, expressed support for raising the minimum wage. He expressed a desire to reduce income inequality. He pointed out that higher wages attract and retain quality workers.

**ADJOURNMENT** at this time, being 8:55 P.M.

Terri Cook  
City Clerk

Meeting televised and videotaped.